

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5 at line 21 as follows:

Preferably the gain selector further comprises an input to receive a signal indicative of a threshold; and a comparator for comparing the gained indicative signal with the signal indicative of the threshold, wherein the system gain processor determines the system gain using the comparison. It is also ~~preferably~~ preferable that the indicative threshold signal represents the threshold in the log domain, the indicative volume control signal represents a volume gain in the log domain and the signal indicative of the audio signal is in the log domain. Therefore, in this regard, the gain selector further comprises an adder to apply the indicative volume control signal to the indicative audio signal to obtain a gained indicative signal for use in determining the system gain.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6 at line 7 as follows:

Preferably the method further comprises receiving a signal indicative of a threshold; and comparing the gained indicative signal with the signal indicative of the threshold, wherein a system gain processor determines the system gain using the comparison. It is also again preferable that the indicative threshold signal represents the threshold in the log domain, the indicative volume control signal represents a volume gain in the log domain and the signal indicative of the audio signal is in the log domain. Therefore, in this regard, the method further ~~comprise~~ comprises adding the indicative volume control signal to the indicative audio signal to obtain a ~~gained~~ gain indicative signal for use in determining the system gain.